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1. IN THE ABSENCE THIS MORNING OF FOREIGN MINISTER
ON PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS AND OF DAVIGNON IN BONN,
I HAVE INFORMED VAN ELSLANDE'S CHEF DE CABINET
NOTERDAEME OF THE CONTENTS OF THE MESSAGE WHICH
WAS TO BE CONVEYED TO BRANDT.

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2. NOTERDAEME CONSIDERED THIS NEW INFORMATION CAREFULLY, SAID IT WAS MOST HELPFUL AND APPEARED TO BE VERY PLEASED BY CONTENTS OF THE MESSAGE. HE SAID HE WANTED ME TO KNOW THAT THE STRONG CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO ME YESTERDAY SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED IN ANY WAY AS AN EFFORT TO JEOPARDIZE THE PRESIDENT'S FEBRUARY 11 MEETING WHICH HAS THE WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT OF THE GOB. ON THE CONTRARY, WHAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD TO SAY ABOUT PROCEDURES REFLECTED HIS CONCERN THAT THE MEETING BE A SUCCESS.

3. NOTERDAEME READ TO ME PORTIONS OF BELGIAN LETTER TO BRANDT WHICH EMPHASIZED THE TERMS OF THE SUMMIT AGREEMENT IN COPENHAGEN ON THE ENERGY POLICY OF THE EC. HE ALSO READ ME PORTIONS OF INSTRUCTIONS TO THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON SUMMARIZING WHAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD ME AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

4. NOTERDAEME SAID HE UNDERSTOOD, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT APPROVE, THE POSSIBLE REASONS FOR THE US PROCEDURE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE ONLY EC RESPONSE -- AND THAT AN INDIRECT ONE -- TO THE SECRETARY'S ORIGINAL EAG PROPOSAL HAD BEEN A REFERENCE TO THE OECD, AND, IN GENERAL, THE EC REACTION HAS BEEN SLOW. NOTERDAEME SAID THAT WE SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT DEALING WITH THE NINE MEMBERS OF THE EC, EACH OF THEM AN OLD COUNTRY WITH PARLIAMENTARY INSTITUTIONS, TAKES TIME AND, OFTEN, A VERY LONG TIME.

5. NOTERDAEME TOLD ME THAT I COULD CONSIDER MY CALL AS THE EQUIVALENT OF A CALL ON THE MINISTER HIMSELF, BUT THAT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES HE WOULD TRY TO GET THE FOREIGN MINISTER TOGETHER WITH ME LATER TODAY TO CONFIRM THE VIEWS WHICH HE HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED ON HIS BEHALF. STRAUZ-HUPE

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